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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, our Father, You have commended the light to shine out of darkness. Accept our gratitude for Your bountiful mercies.

As our Nation prepares to celebrate another Veterans Day, we praise You for the heroism of those who died to keep America free and for Your loving providence that continues to sustain this land we love. Lord, thank You for the legacy of service and sacrifice perpetuated by our military members and their families, and we ask You to continue to protect those in harm's way. As we honor the memories of those who gave the last full measure of devotion, infuse us with a greater determination to protect and preserve the liberties upon which our Republic was founded.

Use our Senators today as instruments of Your peace.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 10, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10 a.m. At 10 a.m., the Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 27, with 2 hours of debate.

Around noon, there will be two rollcall votes on the motions to proceed to the joint resolutions of disapproval regarding net neutrality and cross-border air pollution.

An additional series of votes in relation to H.R. 674, the 3% Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act with the veterans jobs amendment, and a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2354, the Energy and Water appropriations bill, will occur later in the afternoon. These votes are currently scheduled for 2:30 p.m. today, but we expect to get a unanimous consent agreement to begin those as early as 1:45 p.m. today.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time under the previous order for resumption of con-

sideration of H.R. 674 be modified for the Senate to resume consideration of the bill at 1:30 p.m., with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect; further, that all after the first vote be 10 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. With this agreement, the Senate will resume consideration of the bill at 1:30 p.m., with up to 15 minutes of debate prior to the votes. There will be a series of up to four rollcall votes beginning around 1:45 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The minority leader is recognized.

JOBS CREATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I would like to start today on a positive note. Later this very day, the two parties will come together to do something we haven't been doing enough of around here: we will pass a jobs bill on a bipartisan basis, and then we will send it back to the House, where we hope it will pass shortly. In other words, we are going to legislate. I know that might sound a little like a groundbreaking idea to some of my colleagues on the other side who would rather spend all of their time putting together legislation aimed at sending a political message, but hopefully today's votes will help change that.

As I have been saying for weeks now, we have two choices: We can either acknowledge the fact that we live in a two-party system and work together on legislation both parties can embrace or we can spend our time, as Democrats have for the past 2 months, putting together legislation that is designed to fail.

House Republicans have chosen the former approach. Since taking over the

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